

**REMARKS****Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1-52 were originally pending in the application. Applicants herein cancel without prejudice claims 19-36 and 46-52. Claims 1-18 and 37-45 are currently pending in the application. No new matter is introduced by any of Applicants' amendments.

**Claim Rejections****35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections**

The Examiner has rejected claims 19, 22, 31, 32, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brownlow, U.S. Patent No. 5,787,213. Applicants have herein canceled without prejudice claims 19, 22, 31, 32, and 46. Accordingly, the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 102(b) claim rejections are moot, and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw his 35 U.S.C. 102(b) claim rejections.

**35 U.S.C. 112 Rejection**

The Examiner has rejected claim 50 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have herein canceled without prejudice claim 50. Accordingly, the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 112 claim rejection is moot, and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw his 35 U.S.C. 112 claim rejection.

**Objections to Claims**

The Examiner has objected to claims 20, 21, 23-30, 33-36, 47-49, 51 and 52 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have herein canceled without prejudice claims 20, 21, 23-30, 33-36, 47-49, 51 and 52. Accordingly, the Examiner's claim objections are moot, and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw his claim objections.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-18 and 37-45 over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass allowed claims 1-18 and 37-45 to issue.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, each of the currently pending claims 1-18 and 37-45 in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The fee for the extension of time is figured on the Transmittal Sheet. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 64626-P013US-10303018 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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